

Kettler Kapers

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NEIGHBORS! Easter Sunday turned bright and clear after a night of pattering rain, hail, and lightning, with snow in the mountains. From the gay colorful homes of Kettler Knolls, the families poured out in their Easter finery, as did all America, to worship in churches of their choice. Sunday Schools were crowded with girls tripping merrily in bright little hoop skirts with their dresses decked with lace and flowers. The boys, though not so colorfully dressed, made up for it with their irrepressible good spirits, attempting to out-jump each other while waiting in front of the church for the morning worship-service while father and mother exchanged greetings with their friends.

DRIVING HOME—from church, we noticed many Kettlerites out on the lawns having their pictures taken in their new Easter garb. Soon the two-sons of Dr. and Mrs. William Grubbs were over wishing us a happy Easter while chewing on carrots out of our garden. Six-year-old David was explaining that he had saved two dollars already toward buying a three dollar fishing license, while his 3-year-old brother, Mark, told how, after eating all his Easter goodies, he devoured two boxes of fish food, only to be disappointed. "It didn't have any taste to it," he exclaimed.

EASTER WAS more exciting for one 9-year-old boy back in Pittsburgh, who burst into his father's bedroom shouting, "Daddy! Daddy! The Easter bunny's been here already! He's left a baby on the front porch!" Sure enough, it was true.

CHILDREN EVERYWHERE were delighted with the excitement of the annual Easter egg hunts. At Peck Park several thousand broke through the ropes prematurely to scamper after 8000 eggs. One little boy, stopping for breath, gasped, "I don't know why I'm running so. I don't like eggs."

REV. ROBERT H. COBURN, who lives over in Tract Four at 2738 Martha avenue, preached his second sermon at the South Lomita Community Church, having begun his pastorate there April 1. His subject was "The Dawning of a New Day." Following the service, he and his wife and sons, Jerry, 4, and Bobby, 9 months, were guests at a delightful dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Long and family, 1417 W. 218th street, Torrance. Rev. and Mrs. Don Cole and son also attended the dinner. Rev. Cole, who is University pastor for Southern California, is holding a revival at the Torrance First Baptist Church.

A SON WAS BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nansel, 23314 Falena avenue, on Good Friday, April 7, at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. The fine boy, who tipped the scales at 6 pounds 10 ounces, has been named Delbert Eugene. "Del" got his first view of Kettler Knolls Monday noon when he came home from the hospital, but he made no comment except to his mother. His father, who is assistant manager of the Compton McCown Drug Store, will be remembered for his genial smile when he worked at the Torrance branch of McCown's.

AMONG THE MANY babies baptized at the Lomita Presbyterian Church Easter Sunday, was Raymond Harold Lockett, Jr., who has lived all of four months with his Mom and Dad at 1723 W. 235th street. We noted that young Raymond was unimpressed by the services as he alternated between the anxious arms of his proud parents.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES WITHYCOMBE, 23033 Huber avenue, also had their year old son, James William, Jr., baptized on Easter Sunday, the service taking place at the Torrance Methodist Church.

AN INTERESTING GUEST of Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham, 1223 Reynosa dr., is her mother, Mrs. Margie Craig, of Vancouver, Wash., who arrived March 31. They were honored guests at a luncheon given by Mrs. George Dorman in Escondido, Wednesday, April 5, where they met many old friends. Mrs. Craig's visit has been a busy one with many activities, including a weekend trip to San Juan Capistrano.

MR. AND MRS. TED EYRICH and son, 2321 Falena avenue, have returned from a two weeks vacation at Irvington, N. J., with their parents. A longer visit had been planned but their baby son, Jeff, was taken seriously ill with bronchitis. We are happy to learn that he has recovered after being flown back home to sunny Southern California.

MR. AND MRS. HERMAN EDGREN, 1735 235th street, had a pleasant Easter surprise when Mr. and Mrs. Wesley C. Foster of Portland, Ore., drove down to visit them. Mrs. Foster is Mr. Edgren's sister.

MISS EDGABETH MIDDLETON, 2104 Middlebrook rd., visited her brother, C. E. Middleton, at Laguna Beach last week, and brought him and his wife and daughter, Janet, back for a visit with Mrs. Lillian Middleton over Easter.

WE WERE SORRY TO HEAR from Mrs. William Elliot, 1809 W. 228th street, that her husband received a leg injury while at work with the Guy Atkinson Construction Co. Pier A Long Beach Harbor. Mr. Elliot was taken to the Seaside Hospital.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN BICKHAM, 2020, Middlebrook road, were happy to have an old friend, Billy Williams, of the San Diego Naval Air Station, visit them over Easter. They are all from the same home town, Texarkana, Ark. Mr. Williams just returned from two eventful years in Japan.

YOU KETTLETTES WHO VOTED at 1812 Reynosa drive, were served by the election board composed of the Mesdames Valma Lucas, Kay Van Dolson, Jerry Withycombe, Betty Dawson, and Esther Millard.

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS! Except for this reminder, anyway. Please 'phone your news to us at Lomita 2161-W.

BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE FETES MATRON, PATRON

Another enjoyable and colorful meeting of Torrance Chapter, which will long be remembered by several hundred members of the Order of the Eastern Star, was the birthday party Thursday evening honoring worthy matron Gladys Mothersell and worthy patron Frederick Cook.

In the Chapter room, decorated with baskets of calla lilies which provided a beautiful setting for the elaborate, varied gowns of the ladies, Myrtle Rockas, worthy matron of Point Fermin Chapter and Lester Williams of Hawthorne Chapter, presided and under special escort worthy matron Gladys and worthy patron Fred were presented. Mrs. Mothersell was beautifully gowned in turquoise slipper satin, her corsage was of cymbidium orchids, which had been grown and presented to her by worthy patron Frederick Cook.

PRESENTATION of birthday gifts from Torrance Chapter officers and members and the matrons and patrons of other chapters to the worthy matron and worthy patron, a special bit of business in the nature of satire, with Brother Fred and the associate matrons of the 73rd district as principals concluded the activities in the chapter room.

PAST GRAND PATRON, Frank Crane received special escort as did Martha Robertson, deputy grand matron of the 72nd district and Delora Meikeljohn, deputy grand matron of the 73rd district, all of whom courteously complimented the honorary officers and thanked Torrance Chapter for the hospitality extended.

The worthy matron and worthy patron were honored by the presence of 18 matrons, a like number of patrons, 17 past matrons and 11 past patrons, all of whom were escorted and presented.

All stations were occupied by matrons and patrons, in addition to the presiding matron, Myrtle Rockas and patron Lester Williams. Honorary officers included Laura Prenger, Santa Monica; Esther Johnson, Inglewood; Eala Olson, Sunset; Irene Baker, Wilmington; Mary Downing, Pearl; Harriett Quinn, San Pedro; Lorna Hammack, Carnation; Blanche Hauenstein, Tri-angel; Zela Davis, Hawthorne.

Mothers of Local Coeds To Be Guests

Mothers of University of Southern California coeds from the Torrance area will be guests of the SC Associated Women Students on Tuesday, April 13, when the second annual AWS Mothers' Day is held on the Trojan campus.

Theme of the afternoon affair will stress the progress and talents of women at the university, with the program planned to give each mother an insight into her daughter's life on the campus. More than 2000 mothers of undergraduate coeds have been invited to attend.

SANTA ANA PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deininger joined a family group at dinner Sunday at the Santa Ana home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Merker.

AT FELKER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Felker's Easter dinner guests were Mrs. M. N. Felker and daughter, Sharon, and Andrea and the children's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Claudine Defouri, of Redondo Beach.

Several Torrance Majors 'Over the Top' in Drive

Red Cross fund drive volunteers this week mobilized the "big push" toward reaching the community's overall quota, of which a large percentage has been subscribed in Torrance.

Mrs. Richard Bishop, 1433 El Prado, Major in the geographic division, led her workers to an "Over the top" rating, as did co-majors Mrs. John Harvey, 2152 Middlebrook Road, and Mrs. Stanley Larsen, of 2703 Martha avenue.

Also in Torrance, Mrs. Harry Greenwood, 5336 Carol Drive, and Mrs. John E. Kettler, 24703 Hawthorne boulevard, co-majors, have gone well over their goal in the Red Cross drive.

Unflagging efforts are being made by doorbell-ringers to reach 100 percent subscription here. A donation from every home and business firm is necessary, they assert, in order to maintain Red Cross services at full strength during the coming year.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

The popular Torrance couple received Easter greetings from another son, George B., who this month celebrated his 13th birthday at Okinawa, where he is serving with the United States Army in the Ordnance Department.

BUFFINGTON PUPILS TO PLAY FOR L. A. CLUB

Kathryne Buffington has been invited to become a member of the Sunday Morning Breakfast Club of Los Angeles, which meets at 8:30 o'clock every Sunday morning at a popular downtown Los Angeles restaurant. Duo-pianists Beverly Luster and Eldridge Walker, advanced students of Kathryne Buffington, pianist-teacher of Torrance, were invited by the Breakfast Club to be their guests at a meeting in the near future, presenting duo-piano numbers. Beverly Luster is majoring in music at Pappaine College, and Eldridge Walker, a music major, is a student at Bonne High School, in Lomita.

SLATES FRENCH LANGUAGE FILM HAS INDIAN HERO ROLE IN 'RAMONA'

The feature length French film "Farrabique" will be presented on the regular documentary film series of the Los Angeles County Museum, tomorrow night, at 8:00 o'clock. A single year in the existence of a French farm family, the Farrabiques, is the basis of the story which is accurately portrayed in this French language film with English subtitles.

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